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Electronic Waste Collection—July 11th

(Lamoine) - It's amazing how quickly one can accumulate a collection of old televisions, dead computers, obsolete gadgets and the like. In the solid waste world, this is referred to as "Universal Waste", and special handling is required. The Lamoine Transfer Station is not equipped to accept most of it.

On Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 8am to 1pm a company called Electronics End will park their collection trailer at the Lamoine Salt/Sand Shed (opposite the transfer station) and collect those electronic items that can't be disposed of. The best part—disposal is free (for the most part). If you have a refrigerator that needs to have Freon removed, there will be a charge for that.

Lamoine has invited residents in Trenton and Hancock to participate. Electronics End hopes to fill their boxes with the no longer used electronic devices, and there is no residency requirement in the three towns. Shortly after posting the event around town and electronically, several folks from other communities were in touch to see if they could utilize the service.

Volunteers will assist the company with offloading vehicles with electronics (if you want to help, call the town office!). The event will run from 8am until noon time, and the materials will go back to the company's headquarters in Brewer for processing and proper disposal. Questions: call the town office 667-2242.

End of Era on Planning Board

Gordon Donaldson Leaving

(Lamoine) - For 29-year years, Tuesday nights have meant long hours at the town hall for Gordon Donaldson. Serving on the Planning Board since 1983, with only 3-years off in the early 1990s, Donaldson stepped down from the board as of July 1st.

Donaldson and his wife, former Selectwoman Cynthia, moved to Lamoine with two children in 1976 (two others followed). He says a lot has changed in 36-years. He said the subdivision boom of the 1990s most likely led to Lamoine becoming a desirable bedroom community to Ellsworth. He said the ordinances are a lot more complicated today than when he first started with the Planning Board, and the gravel discussion is indicative of the kind of change the town has undergone during that time. He said the balance between industry rights and the interests of citizen residents is difficult to maintain, but very important for the community.

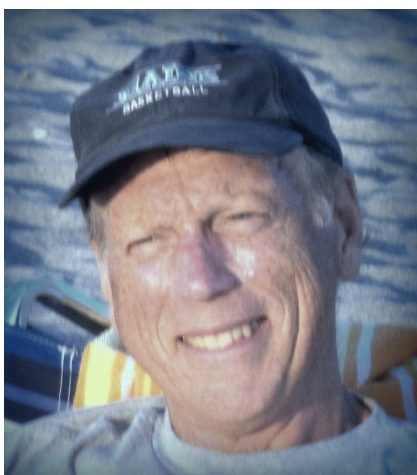
Donaldson says he found serving on the Planning Board to be "very satisfying, even if the work is frustrating some of the time". He reflected on one other big change, noting that the Planning Board was an all male committee when he started, because there was no bathroom at the town hall, and the guys could "go out back".

Jordan Leaves as CEO

(Lamoine) - After three years in the position, Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector Michael Jordan has stepped down from the two jobs. Selectmen accepted Jordan's resignation with regret in early June, effective when his term expired on June 30th.

Millard Billings of Franklin will serve as the interim code enforcement officer until a replacement is found. Billings has been Jordan's Deputy since 2012, though the town has not utilized his services until now.

In his letter of resignation, Jordan, a carpenter by trade, said that he had turned down numerous building jobs because of his role, and was not able to continue to do that financially.



Retiring Planning Board Member Gordon Donaldson

Lamoine Built Boat Creates Stir

(Lamoine) - The National Geographic Channel on Cable TV a pretty big fan base for it's show "Wicked Tuna". The reality show follows several members of the Gloucester, MA fishing fleet in their quest of blue fin tuna off the coast of Massachusetts and Maine. One of the featured captains on the show, Dave Carraro, commissioned a new boat to reel in the huge fish that can weigh anywhere from 200 to 1,200 pounds, fetching thousands of dollars apiece. Carraro chose SW Boatworks in Lamoine to build a larger version of the boat FV Tuna.com.

Carraro and Captain Sandra Maniaci spent much of the winter and spring in Lamoine helping the crew work on the shiny boat with a black hull and white superstructure. The 44-foot boat with a 17.5 foot beam was designed by Calvin Beal and was trucked from the shop in North Lamoine to the public landing in Ellsworth for it's initial launching. Escorted by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department through Lamoine, the boat stopped briefly at the town hall to make sure it would fit under the cable TV and phone wires leading into the building (just barely).

The new boat should go to work this summer for the 2015 edition of the

show. Captain Carraro said he chose the Lamoine business because of the excellent reputation for high quality ship building. Carraro has a fair amount of success on the show which is a (mostly) friendly competition among the Gloucester fleet. He caught the most tuna in the 2013 season, and finished third in the competition for the 2014 season. The new ship caused a lot of head turning on its way to the water.



SW Boatworks owner Stewart Workman in the Lamoine Town Hall parking lot stands with the FV Tuna.com as it made its way to the water in June.

Town Swiftly Approves School Budget

(Lamoine) - Going into the second year as a “stand-alone” school district, Lamoine was apparently the only community in part of the former RSU 24 district that will see a lower school budget. Lamoine, Ellsworth and Hancock all pulled out of the Regional School Unit which now consists of 9-towns.

A total of 33-voters met at the school gym on May 20, 2015 and by the time the meeting had adjourned at 7:14 PM (44 minutes after the start), nearly unanimous approval came for all 15-articles in the \$2,416,871.59 school budget.

The budget is about \$155,000 less than the 2014/15 spending plan, mainly thanks to a lower debt service payment. Under the withdrawal agreement, Lamoine had to reimburse RSU 24 for 92% of the several years of payments made on a school renovation loan. That came out of the unknown RSU surplus that was refunded to Lamoine on withdrawal, and

that money exchange resulted in a more than \$352,000 payment to the town. That will result in a significant surplus in the education fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Taxpayers correctly noted that when the debt service payment activity is backed out, the operating budget for the school department increased approximately \$90,000. Much of that increase was attributable to special education costs which are up \$87,700 or 27%, transportation costs which rose 16% or \$24,600 and food service expense, which rose \$20,000 or 80%.

Under state law, the school budget approved at the annual meeting has to be validated by a referendum vote. That was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. Turnout was less than brisk. Only 69-voters cast ballots, or roughly 4.8% of the registered voters in town. Of those voting, 62 cast ballots in favor of the approved school budget which goes into effect on July first. School let out on June 20th.

Towns Team Up to Save on Heating

(Lamoine) - The Towns of Lamoine, Hancock and Sullivan will see some significant savings on heating fuel in the 2015/16 heating season thanks to competitive bidding and pooling resources. The towns agreed, along with the Lamoine School Department, to put heating oil and propane out to bid a little earlier than usual thanks to the lower cost of crude oil. The bids came back much lower than the current fiscal year bid, and that will save thousands of dollars.

The lowest bidder of the five companies submitting offers was Acadia Fuel of Southwest Harbor and Trenton. They bid \$1.99/gallon for #2 heating fuel, and \$1.00/gallon for propane during the 2015/16 heating season. The same company was the low bidder last summer, and the Selectmen in Lamoine, at least, opted to stick with the company thanks to the price.

The town will pre-buy the fuel, paying up front on July 1, 2015 for the estimated usage amounts.

Speed Trailer Coming in August

(Lamoine) - It’s hard to believe that it’s been five years since Lamoine was able to utilize a portable speed measuring trailer supplied by the Maine Department of Transportation. It drew general praise from folks who cruised by.

Lamoine will have use of the trailer again this summer. It will be placed in various locations around town beginning on August 3rd and leaving town on August 15th.

In addition to giving a visual display, the trailer also records the speeds of each vehicle that drives by. During the 2010 placement it was heartening to see that the vast majority of drivers were recorded below the 45-mile an hour limit,

Cemetery Contract Agreement Close

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen and the Forest Hill Cemetery Corporation are close to finalizing a contract that will ensure that Veterans’ graves are properly maintained. State law changed a few years ago requiring the town to maintain the graves by making sure the grass is mowed and that markers are appropriately maintained. The town drafted several contracts for the cemetery corporation which runs the graveyard next to the Lamoine Baptist Church. The corporation hired an attorney who made counter offers that were not acceptable. The attorney and town administrative assistant finally discussed the goals with each other and came up with a contract that will meet the needs of both organizations. The Selectmen signed the contract in late June and sent it for signature to the corporation. Once the contract is signed, the town will pay the corporation \$30 per grave for the care of each identified Veterans’ grave. A similar contract with the East Lamoine Cemetery Association was approved last year at the same cost per grave.



but there was one that drove in excess of 80-miles an hour. The town office is open to suggestion an where to place the signs. The town will take suggestions via Facebook starting in mid-July.

Parks

Commissioners Desperately Needed

(Lamoine) - After 10-years as a original member of Lamoine’s Parks Commission that was revived in 2004, Christa Brey is leaving. She served as the commission chair for the past year or two and her departure leaves a big hole to fill. Several, in fact. At least two openings exist on the 5-person parks commission. The town needs folks to step up.

There may be some misconception about being a parks commissioner. While the commission in the past has been very “hands on” about maintaining the parks, the commission itself is more of a policy making board. It is required to meet on a quarterly basis and the purpose of the meetings is to plan out how to maintain the town’s three parks and lay out ideas for improving things. A parks commissioner ideally is good at coming up with ideas and passing those along for approval and execution by town staff. It also develops the annual budget for town meeting.

The past commissioners have actively participated as volunteers in putting up kiosks, re-doing gardens, clearing out brush, and that hands on approach has kept the parks looking sharp.

If you (or you know someone who could) could give a couple hours every few months to meet and help with planning to keep the parks maintained, please contact the town office about being appointed to the parks commission. It’s a very important job, and the town would welcome the help.

Property Tax Rate Should Drop A Bit

(Lamoine) - Property tax payers should see a little bit of relief when they open their tax bills in July. Thanks to lower budgets from all three components of the tax bill, the property tax rate should drop by as much as 4/10 of a mill, or roughly 3.8%. The percentage drop is not known exactly, as the final local valuation figures are not yet in. But the budget figures are, and the town’s property tax need is down roughly \$46,000 between school, municipal and county budgets.

The final valuation figures will likely be ready in mid-July. The Board of Assessors has been extremely busy this spring placing updated values on new construction and making sure property that transferred prior to April 1, 2015 is assessed to the correct owner. The first half payment will be due August 31, 2015, the second on February 28, 2016.

A Whole Lotta Paving Coming Up

(Lamoine) - The significant drop in petroleum prices is good news for drivers in a couple of senses. Not only is it less expensive to fill vehicles with gasoline, it's also a lot less expensive to pave roads this year. That will mean more paving for the dollar, and instead of waiting for the end of the fiscal year in 2016, the paving for both 2015 and 2016 will be done in July.

The town meeting in 2014 approved money to repave Needles Eye

Road. The town meeting in 2015 approved money to pave the western end of Buttermilk Road.

Bids were opened in May, and Wellman Paving of Winterport was the low bidder. Paving consultant Roger Picard will oversee the project as well as repaving the parking lot at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The parking lot has not been touched in years, and there were enough savings in the paving budget to include that project this summer too.



No, it's not a municipal swimming pool....the parking lot at the Lamoine Consolidated School frequently fills with water when it rains because of faulty drainage. Before repaving, a contractor will reshape the lot to shed storm water properly in hopes the new paving will last for many years.

Selectmen Nix Proposed Ordinance Change

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen rejected a request from a landowner's attorney to ask voters to amend the Building and Land Use Ordinance in order to allow gravel mining. Attorney Erik Stumpf presented the idea on behalf of the Ames Family Trust. The landowners filed suit against the town just prior to the June 10, 2014 vote which prohibited new gravel operations from being permitted in the Rural and Agricultural Zone (RAZ).

Mr. Stumpf argued that for several decades the Ames Family had planned on being able to mine gravel from their land located just east of Douglas Highway. The proposal, if passed, would have allowed long time landowners in the RAZ to be eligible for gravel mining. Selectmen opted not to present the matter for a town meeting.

No Town Land Purchase Deal

(Lamoine) - A large parcel of land located across Douglas Highway from the current town hall will remain in private ownership for the foreseeable future. The land is no longer on the market, and the current owner has submitted plans to construct a residence on the property.

There was no opposition at the March 2015 town meeting to having the Board of Selectmen pursue the possible land purchase of the 49-acre parcel. Former Selectman William Collier and his sister Elizabeth Whitney held the property as heirs to the land which belonged to their late father. After town meeting Selectmen obtained an estimate to have the land tested for septic system possibilities while at the same time Ms. Whitney was working on plans to locate a home on the parcel.

There had been no particular plans for the parcel that is centrally located adjacent to two state highways (Routes 184 and 204). Selectmen opted to drop further purchase exploration following Ms. Whitney's intentions to build her home on the property. At months end the permit was pending.

No Change to RV Rules

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board and Selectmen have declined to draft any changes to deal with inhabited recreational vehicles. The Building and Land Use Ordinance says an RV may be occupied up to 30-days a year without obtaining a construction permit. The Appeals Board clarified last year that it's a collective 30-days annually, not 30-consecutive days. The issue came when a home owner periodically rented their home and lived in their RV while the house was rented.

Planning Board Approves Pit, Others in Compliance. CEO Issues Permits

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board has issued a 3-year gravel permit to RF Jordan for the pit the Ellsworth company operates off Douglas Highway. The operation was formerly owned by Richard J. King Inc., and adjacent to a long-standing gravel pit that was originally excavated to build much of the Hancock County Airport in Trenton.

The Board also found that three pits that were operating under a consent agreement signed in June 2014 had met the conditions of the gravel ordinance. That prompted the Selectmen to find that agreements were complied with and that the pits would operate under the auspices of the gravel ordinance. The agreements had to do with water monitoring wells which were installed this spring.

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan issued the following Permits:

Gravel Ordinance Nears Public Vote

(Lamoine) - A year ago an ad hoc committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen issued a report on the town's gravel ordinance and an analysis of what might be considered for amendments. A year later, still no final product for a town meeting to consider, but it's closer.

The Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board have been working to come up with a new document that addresses most of the report suggestions and that both boards can endorse when presented to voters later this year. There have been at least 8-drafts thus far. The Planning Board will discuss the latest draft at its meeting in July.

One issue that is unlikely to be in the major re-write will be relaxation of setbacks that were approved in 2013. Prior to 2013, gravel operators could excavate up to 50-feet from a property line, and up to 10-feet with abutting landowner permission. Planning Board chair John Holt, one of three principal writers of the draft ordinance, said the board would not endorse any reduction in the 100-foot setback approved in 2013.

Pit operator agent Steve Salsbury met with Selectmen in late June to press the case for a return to the previous setbacks. The gravel pit operators are upset that valuable gravel has been placed off limits by legislation that increased the setbacks.

The current ordinance does allow for a 50-foot setback, provided the operator jumps through some hoops, including written permission from an abutting landowner to be filed at the Registry of Deeds.

The Planning Board will review the latest draft prior to that meeting. Selectmen hope a new ordinance can go up for a vote on November 3, 2015. Public hearings on whatever version does go to voters will be held prior to any vote. Stay tuned.

Nbr	Name	Project
4	Moldawer, Lyle	Addition
5	Rauch, Steven	Porch
6	Perkins, Jon	Deck
7	Davidson, Eric	Addition
8	Fennelly, Richard	Mobile Home
9	Atkins, Alice	Decks
10	Simon, Gerald	Sign
11	Robbins, Robert	Residence
12	Cahn, Frederick	Addition
13	Huebner, Harald	Shed
14	Ouellette, Pamela	Addition
15	Rosa, Luis	Garage
16	Smith, George	Garage
17	Murphy, Kevin	Garage

The Future Of Your Trash Still Energy

(Lamoine) - If you've never really thought about where your household trash ends up after you (or a commercial hauler) takes it to the Lamoine Transfer Station, relax. Town officials are doing the thinking for you, and the heavy duty lobbying has begun. Get ready for the acronyms.

Currently trash, better known as Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is transported from the transfer station to the Penobscot Energy Recovery (PERC) in Orrington where it is incinerated and converted to electricity. The town's contract with PERC expires in March, 2018.

Lamoine is part of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) which currently owns a portion of the PERC plant. The owners of the other portion, USA Energy, would desperately like to keep MSW flowing to PERC to keep making electricity. The trouble is,

mandated electrical subsidies end in 2018, and the cost to send MSW to PERC is expected to increase markedly.

The MRC has opted to build a different type of disposal plant and is undergoing permitting for a facility that will convert MSW to liquid ethanol. The MRC estimates that besides the increases needed due to the loss of electric subsidies, the PERC plant will require an extremely expensive upgrade to keep operating.

If all goes as planned the new trash to ethanol plant will be located in the Town of Hampden and be operational by the time the contracts with the PERC plant expire.

Both USA Energy and the MRC have sent numerous mailings to the town extolling the affordability and virtues of their future plans. The Selectmen have not decided which option to pursue, yet, and will watch the options closely.

Town Hall Meetings Now Live On-Line

(Lamoine) - Don't have local cable TV, but you'd like to watch the various meetings that take place at the town hall? Problem solved. The Technology Committee and the Selectmen have entered an agreement with a company called Town Hall Streams to carry the same meetings that appear on the Cable TV channel. These meetings are accessed on the Internet, and the link is prominently posted on the town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov).

While the meeting streams live, it is also being recorded by Town Hall Streams for playback on demand. That means you don't need to be sitting at your computer when the meeting is going on, but can play it back at any time for up to a year at no cost.

Many thanks to tech committee member Brett Jones for helping set up the hardware that makes the system work. The streaming started in early June.

Bids Yield "Free" Copier

(Lamoine) - The "new" copier at the Town Hall looks a lot like the copier that it replaces. Selectmen solicited bids from numerous copier companies and found out how competitive those companies are for business. The bid specs called for proposals for either a new or a refurbished used copier. After all the bids came in, A-Copi out of Bangor and Augusta offered a free refurbished copier and a 5-year maintenance plan which was a lower cost than renewing the maintenance plan on the old copier. Selectmen accepted the bid, and the new machine went into service in late April.

The newer copier is a 2012



Toshiba, which is a 5-year newer model than the similar copier that it replaced. The older model had become obsolete and replacement parts were no longer available, thus the higher maintenance cost. The new machine works nearly identically to the former machine, so no training was necessary.

Garden Club Spruces up Marlboro Sign

(By Mary Blackstone)

(Lamoine) - For National Gardening Week (June 7-13) the Ellsworth Garden Club celebrated the completion of the first of several community gardening projects for the 2015 growing season. Though based in Ellsworth it has 16 individual and 2 commercial members from Lamoine. Five members from the Marlboro area (l to r—Larry and Phyllis Mobraaten, Sandy Fenton, Monica Moeller and Dennis Bouffard) got together to refurbish and

plant a garden welcoming people to the neighborhood. The welcome sign was originally set up in the 1980s by property owner Harland Hodgkins in order to greet visitors to 'Marlboro Country' which he thought had the prettiest view in Maine. Today the site is owned by his grandson, Blake Hodgkins, and his wife, Terri. It will be tended by their daughter, Alida (also pictured in the photo). With a little bit of volunteer time and mostly donated materials Garden Club members cut a tree

Town Hall Security Camera Under Advisement

Appeals Board Member Vehicle "Keyed"

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have opted to keep an open mind about possibly installing security cameras at the town office in the wake of a recent vandalism incident that allegedly occurred during an Appeals Board meeting. A vehicle belonging to an Appeals Board member sustained damage when it was "keyed", meaning the paint was intentionally scratched. The matter was referred to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department for investigation.

Such incidents are relatively rare at the town hall. Selectmen note that the facility is well lit at night and sits on a busy intersection, both deterrents to vandalism due to the chance of detection. The town queried other communities about security camera systems, and many in Maine do utilize a camera system to one degree or another. Some are monitored by police agencies, others record the video and can play back from the recorder in case something happens.

The fire station is already monitored by a video camera system. Some of the Selectmen expressed concern about having cameras recording everything at the town hall and the board declined going ahead with a system installation, but may revisit the idea in the future if the situation warrants.



Ellsworth Garden Club Photo

from Hodgkin's property for a new pole for the sign, and planted the raised bed primarily with flowering annuals. This is the kind of pop-up garden that could be a source of pride and a focus for neighborhood spirit in any community.

Fire Department Auction is August 14th

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's volunteer firefighters will hold their annual auction on Friday, August 14, 2015. The preview begins at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gym, and the bidding will begin at 6PM.

Volunteer Michael Hodgkins will lead the bidding again this year. Mr. Hodgkins, who lives in Trenton, is an experienced auctioneer who has been most kind to lend his skills to the fire

department.

Firefighters are in the process of collecting goods and services for the annual auction. This will be the 18th year that the auction is held. It is one of the biggest fund raisers of the year for the fire department corporation, raising several thousand dollars each year. Funds have been used to help purchase expensive fire and rescue equipment—including help with purchase of the new rescue boat.

Rescue Boat Taking Shape

(Marblehead, MA) - Lamoine Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith, Lt. Brett Jones and Capt. Michael Jordan took a road trip in late June to check out the new rescue boat under construction for the fire department. Shown to the right is the rigid fiberglass hull with the center console. There is a lot more still to come on the 21-foot vessel which will be used on the waters of Frenchman Bay surrounding Lamoine for folks in distress.

Ribcraft USA was awarded the bid for the job. The new boat will cost just over \$90,000. Voters at the March town meeting approved borrowing \$75,000 over five years to pay for the new rescue boat. The Board of Selectmen secured the



money from the bank in May in order to put the down payment on the boat and to get it into the construction queue so that it can be delivered this summer. Chief Smith said he wants to conduct a lot of water rescue training before cold weather hits. The company says it hopes to have the rescue boat ready in mid-July.

Boater Rescued, Fire Calls Few

(Lamoine) - No one in the fire department is complaining about the lack of emergency calls during the 2nd quarter of 2015. The fire pagers went off just 8-times between April and June. The most serious call was in Surry where mutual aid was requested at a house fire on North Bend Road in May.

A call on May 14th in Lamoine had the potential for serious injury when a commercial shell fisherman fell out of his boat and others spotted it running in circles around him. Robert Alvarez, Jr. says he took his own boat out into Frenchman Bay after spotting the other boater in trouble and he was able to assist the man back onto his craft. The victim refused help, and only asked for dry clothing.

Firefighters directed traffic on Easter Sunday at a 2-car accident at Jordan River and Buttermilk Roads. Four other mutual aid calls required stand by only for other area fire departments.

FD Open House Set

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Fire Department will hold an open house event on Sunday, August 2, 2015. It will begin at 10AM and run through lunch, with refreshments available. Folks are invited to come see the trucks and the new rescue boat.

Winter Plowing Strategy Discussed

(Lamoine) - Plowing contractor Richard McMullen is exploring the option of using a lot less sand on Lamoine's road by utilizing a salt priority program. McMullen has approached Selectmen as he enters the final year of a contract with the town, but with an option to extend the contract if both he and the town can reach an agreement. The idea is to use straight salt on the roads, pre-treating the road surface before a storm with a salt brine and then wetting the salt during the storm so it will stick to the highways and melt the snow and ice. The Maine Department of Transportation uses the salt priority program with good success. According to the MDOT it clears up roads faster and ends up using less salt than the traditional salt/sand program. McMullen says there will be up-front equipment costs, and he's exploring what those might be.

Meanwhile, the town calculated the extra costs to McMullen for what at times seemed like a relentless winter of heavy snow. The town builds in a calculated figure in case of out of the ordinary amounts of storms. McMullen said he was out 9-times more than the contracted 45-events, and the town paid just under \$2,200 for the extra plowing/salt/sanding. The payment was actually about half of what was budgeted for potential extra costs.

Beavers Frequently Flood Pinkham Flats



(Lamoine) - The score stands Beavers 3, MDOT 1 as the section of State Route 204 (Pinkhams Flats) flooded numerous times this spring during heavy rains. During the storm pictured above, the MDOT shut down the road for nearly 12-hours because of the amount of water the was cascading over the travel lanes thanks to a culvert

clogged up by logs and twigs by some very resourceful beavers.

Area supervisor Stan Collins advised the town that on

Monday, June 29th, a trapper had finally caught the offending critter and relocated it. A backhoe cleaned out the clogged culvert the next morning and got the water flowing again. The water level on Archer's Brook was still pretty high the next day. MDOT installed poles along the brook to help deter more blockages.

GET WET Marks Ten Years of Testing

By Larry Libby

(Lamoine) John Peckenham from UMaine's George J. Mitchell School on the reported on the first 10 years of the GET WET! program. John has worked with 5th and 6th graders in the Lamoine Consolidated School since 2005, helping them test seven different quality parameters of their home well water. Peckenham remarked on the enthusiasm with which students participated and expressed his hope that some may go on to careers in science. The testing procedure

that he developed in collaboration with graduate student now university scientist Teresa Thornton has been applied in Ellsworth, other near-by communities and in several other states. Student testing results are then truthed under university lab conditions and have proven to be quite accurate. The over-riding conclusion is that Lamoine has excellent groundwater, though quality trends over the 10 years show variation in some parameters and the importance of continued scrutiny.

Simon Trail Complete with New Sign

(Lamoine) - The woods of Lamoine hold some sense of wonder and folks are free to poke around a section of them off Partridge Cove Road. For the past several months with the help from a matching grant from the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Conservation Commission has commissioned to finish up trail and parking area work on Simon Trail. This public/private collaboration involves the town's conservation commission, the Frenchman Bay Conservancy and private landowners Gerald and Iris Simon. On May 29th a small ceremony marked the completion of the project which included a new parking area as a sign was hung to mark the trail head.



Conservation Commission Chair Larry Libby, Alternate Larissa Thomas and landowner Gerald Simon pause for a moment after installing a new sign by the Simon Trail parking area.

Search Continues for Beach Pollution Source

(Lamoine) - The Department of Marine Resources placed Lamoine Beach on the closed list for shellfish harvesting several months ago because of high coliform tests in water samples from the beach. Municipal Joint Shellfishing Representative Dick Fennelly approached the Board of Selectmen to see if there could be anything done to try to find and fix the source of pollution. It is theorized that a private septic system may have malfunctioned in the neighborhood and the water testing is picking up traces of effluent from that system.

Selectmen authorized town staff to write to all building owners in that area to ask that they check their system or let the town know if there might be an area of suspicion. There were a few folks who called, but so far no "smoking gun" so to speak, and the closure remains in place.

Guest Mooring Recommended For Harbor

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have authorized Harbor Master David Herrick to pursue installation of a guest mooring at the harbor area in front of Lamoine State Park. Mr. Herrick reports a mooring block complete with the eye hook for the chain has been donated for the mooring, but the harbor fund will pick up the cost for the chain, ball and other related equipment.

Selectmen has asked that a guest mooring policy be developed prior to letting folks tie up to the mooring. Town officials have asked other harbor masters for examples of such policies.

Herrick reports that frequently visitors to the State Park and to the town look to tie off their boat to a mooring, but there are none available. No timetable was set for installation.

Slow Ride Sunday

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Recreation Committee is organizing the community's first "Slow Ride Sunday" designed to encourage bike riding. It's set for July 19, 2015 and routes will start at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The event is free, and routes range from family and child friendly to more advanced. Rec Committee Chair Greg Stone has been instrumental in organizing the event which begins at 11:00 AM.

Boat Ramp Improvement Hearing Set

(Lamoine) - After months of design and permitting applications, the reconstruction of the boat launching ramp at Lamoine State Park goes to a public hearing before Lamoine's Planning Board. The State of Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands is seeking both a Site Plan Review and a Shoreland Zoning permit for the ramp and associated floats that will line the side of the facility. That hearing is set for Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:15 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. The Planning Board is likely to take action after the hearing closes.

The town has worked with the state to encourage development of a ramp that can be used for launching craft at low tide. The State has requested a waiver of the ordinance application fees. The Board of Selectmen did not have authority to waive the fees, however the Board did approve using the town's harbor fund to "pay" for the fees. A fund transfer was made at the end of June to cover both fees, as the project constitutes a significant harbor improvement.

The boat launch ramp at Lamoine State Park is due for a major upgrade in the fall.



State Says Commercial Pier Unlikely

(Lamoine) - No dedicated pier for commercial fishermen at Lamoine State Park is likely any time soon. Mussel fisherman Carter Newell approached the Board of Selectmen last winter about possibly pursuing purchase of a portion of the park and using that to accommodate fishermen, freeing up the existing pier area for recreational boaters. State Representative Brian Hubbell posed the idea to the Bureau of Parks and Lands.

The Bureau's attorney Mari Wells-Eagar responded that deed restrictions from the US Navy prohibited that idea, saying : *"Even if the U.S. Navy were to decide to grant the property back to the State of Maine for some reason, Land and Water Conservation funds were used at the park in 2012. A condition of the Bureau of Parks and Lands accepting the funds was that the land would only be used for public recreational use. If part of the park were to be used as the Town of Lamoine proposes, the federal government could determine that the Bureau violated the terms of accepting those funds. In that event, the Bureau would potentially have to pay the current fair market value of the whole property."*

The Selectmen were advised of the state's position in early June. It's not known if fishermen intend to make any further pursuit of the idea.

Parking Issue At State Park to be Addressed

(Lamoine) - Some of the mooring permit holders at Lamoine's harbor in front of Lamoine State Park have discovered a park policy that forbids overnight parking. The park manager advises that she is looking for a solution to the situation.

Charlene Hood said her superiors have requested that the park enforce the overnight parking policy. Some boat owners say they like to spend the night on their craft, but the park rules forbid leaving vehicles after closing time. Hood said she plans to meet soon with regional park officials to discuss the situation and try to come up with a solution.

School Library to be Little Kid Friendly



Robin Veysey and Doreen Boynton help sort through the books in preparation of a makeover at the school library.

By Cynthia Donaldson

(Lamoine) – The Lamoine’s Little Children’s group is very excited to report that the Library Project is underway. Early in June as the library at the Lamoine School closed to students, the group stepped in to get to work. After the library had been culled by librarian Chris Donovan, Robin Veysey spearheaded a weeklong effort to box up and label all the remaining books. Lois Libby, Anne LaBossiere, Doreen Boynton, and Cynthia Donaldson pitched in to get the library packed up.

Just as the group was gathering a mountain of boxes and miles of wrapping tape, we received the wonderful news that

the group had been awarded a \$2100.00 grant from the Saxifrage Opportunities Grants Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. The grant will support creating a “warm and welcoming spot in the library for preschool children and their families.” We were also very honored and humbled to learn that our project will be the beneficiaries

of a number of donations honoring Veda Ames. Mrs. Ames, who passed away in early May, was “an advocate of the Lamoine educational system with special emphasis on library improvements at the school.” (Ellsworth American)

Painting, rearranging and ‘reshelving’ the library will take place in July and August. In that process a little children’s comfortable space will be created and stocked with reading materials and activities for little children and their grownups. If you are interested in learning more about the project, volunteering to help, or hearing more about our group please call Cynthia Donaldson at 667-2382.

Honor Grads Recognized

(Lamoine) - Seven students from Lamoine graduated with honors from area high schools in June. The Board of Selectmen signed and delivered certificates of commendation to MDI High School Graduates Madison Brown, Genevieve Goebel, Bailey Moore, Trisha Smith and Ivy Wallace, along with Ellsworth High School graduates Phillip Barbeau and Kaile Kimball.

Hodgkins Scholarships Help

(Lamoine) - A total of nine students from Lamoine will share in \$25,000 worth of college scholarships from the Allen and Leurene Hodgkins Scholarship Fund in the upcoming school year. A special subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen met in early June to process the applications. Two students will attend college in other states, and seven will go to school in Maine. Scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per student. The deadline to apply for the Hodgkins Scholarship is June 1st annually.

Busy Summer for Historical Society

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Historical Society hosted a presentation on baseball given by Sylvanus “Junior” Tracy in June, recapping the late 50’s and early 60’s when Lamoine had one of the best town ball teams in Maine.

Later this summer, the Fire Department will put on a presentation about its history at the East Lamoine Meeting House on July 22nd at 7PM.

There will be a huge yard sale on August 22nd at the Meeting House. On September 23, a fun event is planned called “So You Think You Know Lamoine”. The game begins at 7PM and the annual meeting will follow.

Maintenance Person Hired

(Lamoine) - If you see a “new” face around the town hall or the two parks in town this summer, it’s probably Robert Cooper. He will be maintaining Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park for the town, as well as doing some maintenance duty at the town hall. Cooper, the son of Selectwoman Jo Cooper, graduated from Ellsworth High School in June and will head to Eastern Maine Community College to pursue his education. He replaces Bill Fennelly who decided not to continue with his maintenance work at the parks.

Community Arts News

(Lamoine) - The annual meeting of Lamoine Community Arts will be held in early August at the Lamoine Grange. Watch for the date on the Grange sign-board. Come to learn more about theatre and other arts activities for the coming year, and how you might join in. All are welcome.

The 2015 Lamoine Community Arts Summer Scholarship Program has awarded Summer Camp scholarships to four students (attending the Lamoine Consolidated School. Three of the students will attend the Grand Summer Theater Youth Camp in Ellsworth, ME Jul 27 – Aug 14. They will help produce, *School House Rock Live! Jr* followed with performances at the Grand Aug 14 and Aug 15. The fourth student will attend the U-Maine Summer Youth Music Camp in Orono, ME July 18 – July 26. This is an in-residence experience conducted by the School of Performing Arts.



Lamoine’s Girl Scout Troops 422 & 796 placed flags at Veterans’ graves for Memorial Day once again. Pictured are: Front L-R Olivia Davis, Violet Davis, Betta Cahn, Kasey Jordan, Autumn Blair. Back Row L-R Lily Philbrook, Eve Leeman, Leaders Lorise Jordan and Tiffany Davis.

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July 2015 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1-8:15 AM Board of Assessors	2	3-Town Office Closing @ Noon	4-Town Office Closed, Transfer Station Open 8-5
5	6	7-6:30 Planning Board	8-7PM Conservation Commission	9-7:00 PM Tax Commitment (Assessors)	10	11-8am-1PM E-Waste Collection 9am Rec Cmte
12	13	14-6:30 School Committee	15-Town Office closed @ lunch	16 –5:15 PM Comp Plan 7PM Selectmen	17	18 1pm-3pm Historical Society Picnic
19-“Slow Ride Sunday”	20	21	22-7PM Historical Society FD Presentation	23	24	25-Town Office open 8-12
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2015-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation the week of August 17—the town hall will close during lunch that week.						1-Town Office Open 8-12
2-10 AM Fire Dept. Open House	3	4-7PM Planning Board	5-8:15 AM Assessors	6	7	8-9am Rec Committee
9	10	11-6:30 PM School Committee	12-7PM Conservation Cmsn	13-7PM Selectmen	14-5PM Fire Dept. Auction	15
16	17	18	19-Town Office Closed @ Lunch	20	21	22-Yard Sale @ Historical Society
23	24	25	26	27	28	29-Town Office Open 8-12
30	31-Property Taxes Due (first half)					

September 2015-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1—7PM Planning Board	2—8:15 AM Assessors First Day of School	3	4	5-Office Open 8-12
6	7-Office Closed—Labor Day	8	9-7PM Conservation Cmsn	10-7PM Selectmen	11	12-9am Rec Cmte
13	14	15-6:30 PM School Committee	16	17	18	19-Historical Society Open House
20	21	22	23-7PM Historical Society Meeting	24—7PM Selectmen	25	26-Office Open 8-12
27	28	29	30			

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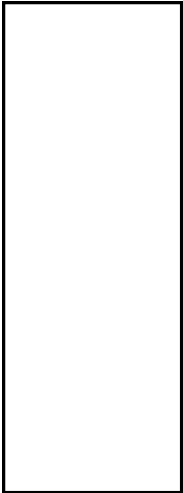
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